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Application Number : 09/883,507 Confirmation No.: 8695  
Applicant : Jeffrey A. Bedell  
Filed : 06/19/2001  
Title : Report system and method using prompt object abstraction  
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Examiner: : Haythim J. Alaubaidi  
  
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**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

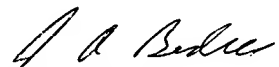
Sir:

We, Jeffrey A. Bedell, William Hurwood, Benjamin Z. Li, and Abhimanyu Warikoo, hereby declare that we are co-inventors of the invention that is claimed in the above-identified patent application. Prior to January 10, 2000 (the filing date of the Ruppelt reference), we conceived of and were working toward a diligent reduction to practice of the invention that is claimed in the above-identified patent application.

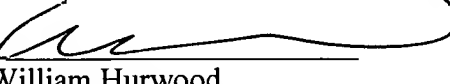
Internal documentation related to the development of an embodiment of the claims of the above-referenced patent application demonstrates conception as early as April 28, 1998 and updated through July 21, 1998 with diligence through its actual reduction to practice on or after June 20, 2000. Exhibit A is a July 21, 1998 document entitled "Usage of Prompts" that describes one embodiment of an object-type prompt object with a question and a validation property. This feature was part of a major new product development at MicroStrategy given the internal code name Castor. Castor substantially rewrote the platform of the business intelligence software system of MicroStrategy. As a result, this feature, and many others, went through numerous

rounds of tests, a confidential beta release and then final release on or after June 20, 2000 in a product called MicroStrategy 7.0.


We further hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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